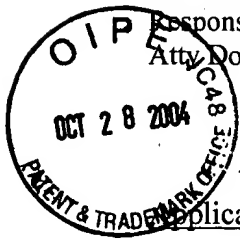


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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed 27 May 2004. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** – none.

**Amendments to the Claims** – are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** – none.

**Remarks** – begin on page 8.